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PART II.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 8th May 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 8th May 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 144 carts of ragi and 31 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 205 carts of ragi and 21 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 72 to 79 per cart during the week against Rs. 73 to 78 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of ragi and rice in the bazaar for consumers.

The Municipal Depot and the three Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their Depots. The transactions in these Depots are being watched by the Inspecting Staff.

Mysore City.—There is nothing special to report.

Bangalore District.—Except for a few showers measurable only in cents at Nelamangala (44 cents) and Closepet (5 cents), there has been no rainfall in the District. Rain is wanted now for preliminary ploughing operations.

The standing crops of paddy (Vaishakhi) and sugarcane are in good condition.

No change is observable in the prices of food grains which are remaining stationary.

The price of ragi ranged from 7½ to 9½ seers per rupee, the highest quotation being at Closepet and the lowest at Anekal and Magadi.

The local rice is selling at 3¾ to 4½ seers per rupee while Burma rice is sold at 4½ to 4¾ seers per rupee. There is sufficient stock of Burma rice in the Government Depots.

Mysore District.—The food situation remained much the same as in previous weeks. All the markets were well supplied though there was no fall in prices.

There was a small amount of rainfall in parts of Chamrajnagar and Mandya Taluks.

Tumkur District.—The price of ragi is Rs. 73 a cart and of paddy Rs. 70. Demand for Burma rice continues as before. The Vaishakhi paddy is being harvested.

Kolar District:—There is nothing special to report in this week. The sales of Burma rice in the Depots continue to be dull. Local rice continues to be sold at 4 to 4½ seers a rupee.

Hassan District.—*Santes* were generally well supplied with food grains, but at Hole-Narsipur *sante*, the supply of ragi was rather poor. Export of paddy and rice from the principal *santes* in the District to Tiptur and other places still continues.

Standing crops such as *kar* paddy and sugarcane are in good condition.

Prices of food grains still continue to be high.

Prospects of the season are generally good for the present. Rains are badly wanted Sowing is delayed for want of rains in some parts, and rain is urgently required.

Shimoga District:—There has not been any material change in the food situation during the last week.

Kadur District:—The supply of food stuffs in the several markets of the District was sufficient to meet the requirements. The prices continued to be high. There is no appreciable change in the prices of various food stuffs as compared with the prices in the previous week.

Chitaldrug District:—There is no change except that the price of rice shows a tendency to fall, particularly in Challakere Taluk where rice is sold at 5 seers a rupee. The prices of the other food stuffs are the same as in the last week. Markets fairly well supplied.

There has been no rain in the District.

General (by Food Controller):—During the week there was no rainfall except a few showers in parts of the Mysore and Bangalore Districts. The standing crops are reported to be in good condition.

The markets are reported to be generally well supplied. There is no appreciable change in regard to prices. In the Chitaldrug District the price of rice is reported to show a downward tendency, rice being sold in Challakere at 5 seers a rupee. In the Bangalore City the price of ragi is reported to have ranged from Rs. 72 to Rs. 79 per cart load.

There is a stock of about 2,500 tons of Burma rice in the Provincial Grain Depot at Bangalore and orders have been placed with Millers at Rangoon for a further supply of 1,000 tons. This is expected to arrive before the end of the month.

Burma rice continues to be issued to the public from the Provincial Grain Depot, Bangalore in small quantities for *bona-fide* domestic consumption.

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Levy of Fees for the Loan of Plants.

READ—

Government Order No. G. 24342-4—G. M. 194-19-2, dated the 24th April 1920, directing the levy of fees for the loan of plants from the Lal-Bagh for decoration purposes and also directing among other things that persons desirous of obtaining a loan of plants should apply to the Superintendent, Government Gardens, in writing in good time after remitting the requisite fees to the treasury.

2. Letter No. 1045, dated the 27th April 1920, from the Superintendent, Government Gardens, suggesting that fees for the loan of plants may be ordered to be paid to the Gardens Department on receipt of bills as in the case of sale transactions.

ORDER NO. G. 25532-3—G. M. 194-19-4 DATED 7TH MAY 1920.

In modification of the Government Order dated the 24th April 1920 read above, Government are pleased to direct that the fees for the loan of plants from the Lal-Bagh be paid to the Gardens Department on bills, instead of being remitted to the Treasury.

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To—The Superintendent, Government Gardens.
The Comptroller to Government.